

Slough pin hopes on Anthony

WITH Saturday's 2-0 triumph over Kingstonian safely in the bag, Wycombe Wanderers stage their second Rothmans Isthmian League match of the season tonight (Tuesday) when they entertain old rivals Slough Town.

This is Slough's first season in Division One, having won promotion last year along with Dagenham, and in their opening match of the campaign at Sutton on Saturday they did well in going down only 1-0. A goal by Alan Ives, the former Tooting striker, gave Sutton victory six minutes from time. United had four internationals in their side, including Ted Powell, Larry Pritchard and Mick Preston.

It seems Slough are pinning their Division One hopes on last year's squad, for they have made only a couple of close season signings.

One of them is Steve Tomkins, a former Crystal Palace winger, who became the Rebels' first professional player a couple of weeks ago. Bob Underwood also joined from Maidenhead United, but he is injured at present.

There will be three ex-Wanderers in the Slough team tonight. Geoff Anthony, a Welsh international, leads the attack while Peter Spittle will play in goal and Barrie Davies in midfield.

Anthony, of course, played such a memorable game against Wycombe in last term's Berks and Bucks Senior Cup final at Wokingham Town. He scored Slough's only goal in their 3-1 reverse and was without question the man of the match. No doubt the Rebels will be pinning their hopes on him tonight.

The Slough team will be; P. Spittle, T. Turl, M. Cannon, J. Beyer, B. O'Sullivan; B. Davies, A. Davies, A. Williams, S. Tomkins, M. Kemp, G. Anthony. Sub M. Brown.

Wanderers are likely to field the same side that beat Kingstonian on Saturday — a satisfactory result for their first match of the term. Slough's toughest task will be breaking down Wycombe's tall, strong defence which dominated the Kingstonian attack. Alan Phillips, captain of the side, and Keith Mead were virtually unbeatable in the air while Dave Bullock and Paul Birdseye looked sound on the flanks. Bullock, however, will have his hands full against Anthony, a winger capable of getting behind defences. Upfront, the Blues will be hoping to take more chances than they did on Saturday.